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Petersburg, February 27. O.S.

WE hear the Czar has left Olonicz in order to return hither, but is gone some Miles out of the Road to a Town named Ladoga, from which Place he designs to have a Canal made as far as Slutelburg, which will be in Length about two German Miles. The Preparations by Sea and Land are carried on with great Diligence, about 20 Men of War are fitting out, and 150 Gallies, besides 300 Transports are in Readiness; they are said to be intended for the carrying on the War with Vigour against Sweden, in case the Negotiations of Aland should prove unsuccessful, the Czar not being yet well assured of the Queen of Sweden's Intentions in that Respect. Letters from Moscow advise, that Field Marshal Czeremetoff lately died there; it is remarkable that the Chief Command of the Russian Forces has been in his Family for 15 Generations successively. The Swedish General Lewenhaupt, who has been Prisoner in Russia ever since the Battle of Pultowa, died likewise some Days ago at Moscow.

Rome, March 11. Cardinal Pignatelli, who lately arrived here from Naples upon the Pope's Invitation, had a long Audience of him on the 9th Instant, and was received by the Pope with such extraordinary Marks of Esteem and Confidence, that he is already looked upon as a Chief Favourite, and one who will have for the future a considerable Part in the Conduct of publick Affairs, which gives no small Uneasiness to some other Cardinals, who flattered themselves with Hopes of a Share in the Administration. It was generally believed that on the 8th a secret Consistory would be held, in which the Vacancies in the College of Cardinals would be filled up, but it seems the Pope is willing to defer this some time, on Account of the different Views and Interests of the Powers of Europe that have recommended the Candidates. The Cardinals Spinola and Marescoti have been dangerously ill, but are somewhat better, though it is not likely the former should recover, considering he is in the 93d Year of his Age.

Venice, March 18. Our Senate has declared Sig. Vendramini, who has formerly served as Commadore, Admiral of the Fleet, in the Room of Sig. Delfino, who has desired Leave to resign that Commission. Sig. Vincenti has been nominated Resident of this Republick at Naples, in the Room of Sig. Alberti, which Employment he has accepted, and prepares for his Journey thither. The Regiment of Count Schulemburg lately arrived from Dalmatia, was reviewed on the 13th Instant at the Lido. There is Advice from the Levant by the Way of Durazzo, that the Turks have laid a Bridge over the Danube near Nicopoli, for the better Communication between their Troops which are quartered as far as Thessalia on one Side of that River, and Moldavia and Walachia on the other Side; that they have not yet disbanded any of their Land Forces, but talk of raising new Fortifications on the Frontiers of those two Principalities.

Copenhagen, March 25. Rear Admiral Tordenschiold is soon to put to Sea with four of the lightest Men of War, which are to be followed by eight of a larger Size, to be commanded, as it is believed, by Admiral Rabe. M. Bassewitz and M. Lewenohr are in a Day or two to begin their Journey to Sweden, having already received their Passports from that Court. Our last Advices from thence say, that Counsellour Hagen and M. Eckloff, Secretary to the late Baron Goertz, have been beheaded at Stockholm. The Court is to go into Mourning To-Morrow for the late King of Sweden. Count de la Mark prepares to leave this City next Week in order to return to Paris, having received Orders from the Regent to repair thither with all possible Expedition.

Hamburg, March 28. A Treaty having been lately concluded here by M. Wich, His Britannick Majesty's Resident, with our Senate, for the free Importation of Herring and all other Fish from Great Britain, by which His Majesty's Subjects are to enjoy that Trade in as beneficial a manner as any Nation whatsoever; the Ratifications thereof were exchanged this Week. They advise from Dresden, that the King of Poland arrived there from Frausta on the 21st, and the Electoral Prince on the 23d. The Russian Forces are in Motion to evacuate the Territories of Poland and Lithuania, but their Marches are very slow. They are to be joined by their Troops that were in the Duke of Mecklemburg's Service, which are marching homewards through the Territories of Brandenburg, the Czar being firmly resolved not to support that Duke against the Emperour and Empire.

Brussels, March 29. On the 25th Instant Count Kevenhiller, who commands the Regiment of Dragoons of Prince Eugene, set out from hence to embark for England with Dispatches from the Marquess de Prié, relating to the Imperial Forces, which are ordered to march for Ostend to be in a Readiness to embark for Great Britain, if there should be Occasion. The same Day two Batallions, one of the Regiment of the Great Master of the Teutonick Order, and the other of that of Baden, marched out of this City for Ostend. They were followed the next Day by two Batallions of the Regiment of Bonneval, commanded by M. Ogilvy. On the 27th two Batallions of the Regiment of Wirtemberg, begun their march thither, and no finer Troops were ever seen than those of which this whole Body is composed. The two Regiments of Horse of the Marquesses de Westerlo and Pancallier entered this City on the 26th, to supply their Room, and were reviewed by the Marquess de Prié, accompanied by the Generals and other Officers. The Prince de la Tour and Taxis is to set out To Morrow for Germany, but it is not yet known whether his Family is to follow him thither.

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